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TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM PALMER NEA/RA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CENTO, MARR, MASS

SUBJECT: FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR CENTO MILITARY  
COMMUNICATIONS?

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT THE RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE  
1975 MINISTERIAL, THE SECRETARY PLEDGED SOME \$5M TO  
UPGRADE CENTO'S MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. YOU  
WILL ALSO RECALL THAT WE WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY A  
SOURCE FOR SUCH AN EXPENDITURE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FY 77  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

2. ONE OF THE REASONS WE COULD NOT NAIL DOWN THESE FUNDS  
WAS THE FUZZINESS OF THE QTE REQUIREMENT UNQTE. WE  
LACKED ADEQUATE SPECIFICS ON WHICH TO MAKE A PERSUASIVE  
CASE.

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3. WHEN I VISITED ANKARA LAST JUNE I WAS TOLD BY U.S.

ELEMENT BRIEFER THAT REPORT ON DOD'S SURVEY OF CENTO COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN JULY. DOD HAS NOT YET COME THROUGH TO US ON THIS. NOW WE ARE ON THE EVE OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REVIEW FOR FY 78.

4. IF YOU AGREE WITH SID SOBER AND ME THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS COMMITMENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE FROM YOU A GENERAL DISTRIBUTION CABLE RECALLING THE

SECRETARY'S PLEDGE AND PROVIDING SUCH SPECIFICS AS ARE AVAILABLE THERE ABOUT HOW THE MONEY COULD BE WELL SPENT. MEANWHILE WE SHALL CONTINUE TO TRY TO SMOKE OUT THE SURVEY RESULTS HERE. DOD'S WARY STANCE MAY BE A FUNCTION OF ITS RELUCTANCE TO BE STUCK FOR THE FUNDS. NOR HAS THE PM BUREAU BEEN FRIENDLY TO INCLUSION OF THE DOLS FIVE MILLION IN OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

5. AM POUCHING LETTER IN RESPONSE TO YOUR 6489.

6. WARM REGARDS. ROBINSON

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